Manitoba-Minnesota Agreement on Educational Cooperation

Annual Report
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Letter of Transmittal

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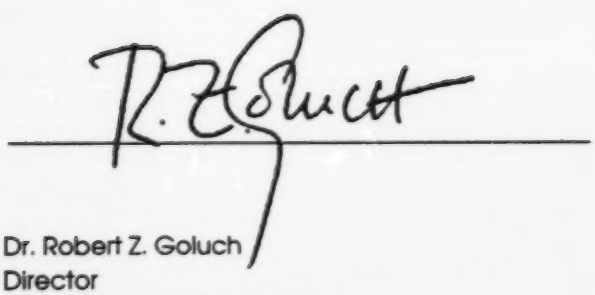
Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Manitoba-Minnesota Working Group, we have the pleasure of presenting to you, for transmittal to the Premier and the Governor, the Annual Report on the Manitoba-Minnesota Agreement on Educational Cooperation for the period September 19, 1989 to December 31, 1990.

Yours truly,



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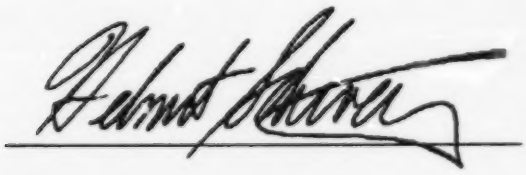

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Annual Report

Introduction:

The provision of an Annual Report on the MANITOBA-MINNESOTA AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION is in accordance with terms agreed to and specified by the Premier of Manitoba and the Governor of Minnesota at the September 19, 1989, signing of this agreement.

This report covers the period from September 19, 1989 to December 31, 1990.

1.0 Background

On November 21, 1988, Premier Gary Filmon of Manitoba and Governor Rudy Perpich of Minnesota signed the MANITOBA-MINNESOTA AGREEMENT on ECONOMIC COOPERATION and TRADE OPPORTUNITIES. Also, on January 1, 1989, the CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, signed by the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States, and ratified respectively by the Parliament of Canada and the United States Congress, came into effect. The Premier of Manitoba and the Governor of Minnesota expressed commitment to build on these cooperative agreements. In addition to sharing a strong interest in expanding economic development and employment opportunities, the State and Province are equally committed to assuring full and equitable access to education services for residents throughout their jurisdictions. As a result, the Premier and Governor signed the MANITOBA-MINNESOTA AGREEMENT on EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION on September 19, 1989, in the belief that enhanced educational research and cultural cooperation will provide a favourable climate for mutual understanding, economic growth, increased trade, job creation and cultural enrichment.

2.0 Objectives of the Agreement

A limited number of Manitobans and Minnesotans already benefit from each other's post-secondary education opportunities. The expansion of the range of cooperative activities and the creation of mechanisms to facilitate new cooperative ventures are the main objectives of this agreement. A Working Group and Advisory Committees were established to assist in the achievement of these objectives.

3.0 Working Group

The State of Minnesota and the Province of Manitoba expressed commitment to enhancing education services to ensure that present and future generations of Minnesotans and Manitobans are fully prepared to take advantage of emerging opportunities given the increasingly global nature of our societies. To provide a focal point for expanded and improved cooperation in education and research between Minnesota and Manitoba and to assist in the achievement of the objectives of the agreement, the State and Province agreed to establish a Manitoba-Minnesota Working Group on educational cooperation.

The Director of Policy and Program Planning with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and International Education with the Manitoba Department of Education and Training represent Minnesota and Manitoba respectively on that Working Group (Appendix A).

4.0 Advisory Committees

Advisory Committees to the Working Group, representing various education constituencies have been formed. The Intersystem Planning Group (IPG) representing the University of Minnesota, the State University System, the Community College System, the private colleges and the private career schools will serve as the Minnesota Advisory Committee.

In Manitoba, seven members representing government, the Kindergarten to Grade 12 system, and the university and college sectors form Manitoba's Advisory Committee. A listing of the Advisory Committees can be found in Appendices B and C of this report.

5.0 Priorities for Manitoba-Minnesota Cooperation in Education

On January 3, 1990, the Honourable Len Derkach, Minister of Manitoba Education and Training hosted the inaugural meeting on this agreement, in Manitoba. The meeting which was co-chaired by Mr. J. D. Carlyle, Deputy Minister of Manitoba Education and Training and Dr. David Powers, Executive Director of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, explored the areas of greatest interest and potential for co-operation between the province and the state. Several priorities for cooperation were identified including joint research projects and faculty exchanges in fields such as sustainable development, transportation, education accessibility for minorities, agriculture and future directions for rural communities. In consultation with the Advisory Committees, the Working Group will explore priorities on an annual basis.

6.0 Schedule of Responsibilities

The extent to which the Working Group has met the schedule of assigned responsibilities is described below:

6.1 The Working Group shall meet at least twice a year and shall report progress to the Governor and to the Premier.

Between September 19, 1989, and December 31, 1990, the Working Group held seven meetings in Manitoba and Minnesota.

6.2 Schedule

The State of Minnesota under the direction of the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board will sponsor a MANITOBA-MINNESOTA SYMPOSIUM in association with the annual Minnesota Governing Board's meeting scheduled for February 14–15, 1990. The theme suggested is distance education. An annual symposium will be held alternately in Manitoba and Minnesota.

Symposium

On February 13, 1990, Minnesota hosted a symposium on Distance Education (Appendix D) which was attended by 31 participants of which 15 came from Manitoba. Speakers addressed several issues including telecommunications planning, distance education for engineers as well as library and entrepreneurial training programs.

The potential for state-provincial cooperation regarding projects in agricultural training and rural development was also discussed.

In 1991, Manitoba will host the national conference of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) to which Minnesota educators will be invited to address issues of concern in both jurisdictions.

6.3 Courseware Exchange

The Working Group charged with the implementation of the objectives of this agreement will invite, in the fall of 1989, representatives of the State's and the Province's vocational-technical post-secondary education institutions to establish a body to facilitate the exchange of courseware, other materials, and explore forms of mutual assistance.

Preliminary discussions and meetings were held in Manitoba and Minnesota to determine how best to establish a Courseware Exchange Committee as well as possible areas for cooperation.

6.4 The two governments will undertake to facilitate:

a) Residency

The admission of Minnesota and Manitoba residents to each other's respective institutions without residence restrictions, but based on previous practices and procedures of the individual institutions.

Minnesota and Manitoba residents are now being admitted into each other's public post-secondary institutions without regard to residency requirements. Prevailing practices and procedures of the individual institutions still apply.

b) Tuition Fees

The establishment of equitable tuition and fee arrangements so that non-residents, in each other's jurisdiction, would be charged at the same rates as charged to residents in each case.

Manitoba residents wishing to study in eligible Minnesota post-secondary institutions now pay the same tuition fees as Minnesota residents. The same principle applies to Minnesota residents wishing to study in Manitoba.

c) Student Aid

Establishment of portability of State/Provincial scholarships and financial aid for exchange students.

All public Minnesota institutions were approved by the Manitoba Student Financial Assistance Program for Canada Student Loan and Bursary/Loan Rebate eligibility. Manitobans wishing to apply to private post-secondary institutions in Minnesota qualify for assistance from the Canada Student Loan Program. If the program of study is not available in Manitoba, the applicant would also be eligible for Manitoba Government funding. Students from Minnesota attending Manitoba institutions are eligible for loan assistance from the Student Educational Loan Fund Program. The Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board will be asking the 1991 Legislature to give consideration to extend the range of available programs.

As of December 31, 1990, Manitoba Student Financial Assistance approved financial assistance to 37 Manitoba applicants to study in Minnesota's higher education institutions (Appendix D). Although there were no requests for financial aid from Minnesota applicants to study in Manitoba, five applications were received by Manitoba universities from permanent residents of Minnesota resulting in one registration (Arts).

6.5 MINITEX

State and provincial officials will discuss the establishment of a reciprocal agreement to make the Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunication Exchange (MINITEX) service available to Manitoba post-secondary institutions.

Representatives of Manitoba's academic libraries met with staff of the Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunication Exchange, Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the University of Minnesota Libraries to discuss areas of potential cooperation. Staff of MINITEX and the Coordinating Board explained how different contracts and reciprocal agreements have been reached with the MINITEX states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Manitoba representative also observed a meeting of the MINITEX Advisory Committee. Subsequently, the MINITEX director met with Manitoba Library directors in Winnipeg and explored mechanisms for resource-sharing between the State and Province. Manitoba is still considering its position with respect to a MINITEX reciprocal agreement.

6.6 Student Exchanges

The Premier and the Governor wish to encourage far greater interaction among young Manitobans and Minnesotans, with particular emphasis on students in junior high schools and high schools. Financial support will be sought from a variety of sources, including private sector sponsors.

Funding sources to develop public and secondary student exchange programs between Manitoba and Minnesota are being explored.

6.7 Future Directions

The Working Group charged with the development of the present agreement will identify existing cooperation efforts with a view to encourage and assist in their further development.

At their November 20, 1990, meeting in Minnesota, the Working Group agreed to continue and pursue additional cooperative efforts for the year 1991, including the following:

- *implementation of the courseware exchange initiative,*
- *furthering the portable state/provincial assistance program*
- *a decision by Manitoba on MINITEX*
- *implementation of a student exchange initiative*
- *organization of a symposium in Manitoba*
- *developing methodologies to track student participation rates as well as other activities resulting from the agreement.*
- *other initiatives identified by the Advisory Committees.*

It should also be recognized that there have been many other intangible results of the Manitoba-Minnesota Agreement. New relationships have been established between colleagues at various levels and communication networks are developing which will facilitate future initiatives.

Appendices

APPENDIX A	—	Manitoba-Minnesota Working Group
APPENDIX B	—	Members of the Manitoba Advisory Committee
APPENDIX C	—	Members of the Minnesota Advisory Committee
APPENDIX D	—	Agenda – Symposium on Distance Education
APPENDIX E	—	Manitoba Student Financial Assistance Applicants at Minnesota Institutions

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Appendix D Symposium on Distance Education

Sponsored by Minnesota and Manitoba

Embassy Suites Hotel
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Tuesday, February 13, 1990

AGENDA

REPUBLIC ROOM – EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. DISTANCE EDUCATION IN MINNESOTA

- An Overview of Distance Education Activities in Minnesota Post-Secondary Education — Patricia Kovel-Jarboe
- State Telecommunications Planning — Robert Fischer
- Distance Education for Engineers — K.S.P. Kumar

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. DISTANCE EDUCATION IN MANITOBA

- The Distance Education and Technology Branch — Dominique Bloy
- Current Distance Education Programs — Gene Semchych
- University Level Programs — Shirley Lyon, Mark Novak, Lori Wallace

Manitoba Case Studies:

- Distance Education Library Training Program — Ray Newman
- Enterprise in Action Project — Grant Buchanan

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **BREAK**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. POTENTIAL AREAS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MANITOBA AND MINNESOTA

Manitoba Projects:

- Assiniboine Community College Agricultural Training — Gerry Bashforth
  - Community-Based Training
  - Bridging
- Rural Development — Gene Semchych
  - Soils Series
  - Cost of Rural Depopulation
  - Farm Stress

Discussion

CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL, 9TH FLOOR, 701 – 4TH AVENUE S., MPLS.

5:30 – 6:30 P.M. RECEPTION, CANADIAN CONSUL GENERAL (HOST)

UNIVERSAL ROOM – EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. DINNER

Manitoba Student Financial Assistance Applicants at Minnesota Institutions (November 23, 1990)

INSTITUTION	Admin. & Business	Agriculture	Arts and Science	Comm. Serv. and Educ.	Health	Law	Theo.	Total
Bemidji State University	1		1	2				4
Concordia College				1				1
Mankato State University			1					1
Minneapolis College Arts and Design	1							1
Moorhead State University	1			2				3
North Central Bible College	1						2	3
Northwest Col. of Chiro (Bloom)					4			4
Northwest Col. Of Chiro (St. Paul)	2							2
St. Cloud State University				1				1
St. Paul Bible College				1				1
Thief River Falls Voc. Tech. Inst.	1							1
University of Minnesota (Crookston)	5	2	2	1				10
University of Minnesota (Duluth)	1							1
University of Minnesota (Minneapolis)				3		1		4
TOTAL	13	2	4	11	4	1	2	37